

On the Road with the Rabbi



The Israel Film Festival

Encirclements* **

Thursday, November 17 @ 7:30 pm

Teaneck Cinemas, 503 Cedar Lane, Teaneck

**I have purchased a block of 15 tickets for us
first come, first served... \$10/ticket**

Rabbi Kenneth Stern

Aharon, a 13-year-old growing up in a working class Moroccan-Israeli community, is having a tough time. His father is distant; bullies hound him on the street; and the girl of his dreams barely knows he exists. When he is given the honor of carrying the Torah for Simchat Torah and representing all the Bar Mitzvah boys of his neighborhood, his status in the neighborhood is suddenly elevated. He becomes the portal to wishes and longings for the entire community—adults and children alike. As Aharon begins to feel burdened by so many wishes, especially his parents conflicting wants, the tension leads to unexpected results. More than a coming of age film, it is a story of empowerment and triumph over tragedy.

View the trailer: <https://youtu.be/sRRQY6bsGmc>

*On *Simchat Torah* we carry the Torah around the shul 7 times in a ceremony called ***Hakafot***—or *“Encirclements”*

**As you may recall, I was hoping that we could all go to see the Natalie Portman movie, based on the life of Israeli novelist, Amos Oz, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*. Unfortunately, it no longer seems to be playing in our area (or anywhere). This movie, *Encirclements*, is a great, if less depressing, alternative.

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Next month: December 15 – Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolf Eichmann (The Mossad’s Covert Capture) at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, in lower Manhattan